

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the current Title of the Invention with the following:

--Telepresence System and Method Using Surgical Assemblies and Mounting Joints--

Please replace the first paragraph of the Specification to read as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of priority from, U.S. Patent Application 09/406,360 filed on September 28, 1999, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,346,072; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/975,617 filed November 21, 1997, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,132,368; and which is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/033,321 filed December 12, 1996, the full disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.